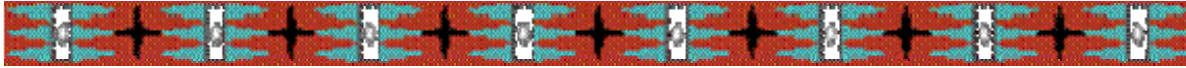


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Do you have news or community events that you would like the tribes to know about?

Take advantage of our distribution network of tribal leaders, organizations, and tribal liaisons in state and federal government by notifying us of your event.

Send event announcements and descriptions to The Daily Beat.

SKC receives \$398K for Truck Driving and Heavy Equipment School

For more information, please contact Sheila Cozzie MDT, Helena Civil Rights at (406) 444-6335.

The Salish and Kootenai College in Pablo has been awarded \$398,311 to help fund its Highway Construction Training School. "SKC has done a remarkable job training heavy equipment operators and truck drivers," said MDT Director Jim Lynch. "The college serves a key role in providing skilled individuals to work in the state's \$350 million-a-year highway construction industry."

The On-the-Job Training Supportive Services Program will provide Native Americans and women with training services focusing on recruitment and financial aid application and packaging, through admission, registration, career counseling, job placement services and retention. The program includes tutoring and daycare for participants in the highway construction industry.

Funding of the OJT/SS program is through the U.S. Department of Transportation and administered through the Montana Department of Transportation. The program provides on the job training/supportive services projects with a primary focus on increasing the representation of minorities and women in highway construction and transportation related careers.

In August 2006, SKC was awarded by the Federal Highway Administration the Minority Institution of Higher Education Achievement Award for this program.

[Returning to Traditional Basics](#)

By Sam Sandoval and Anita Dupuis – Char-Koosta News

Of all the diets and fads that promise rapid and healthy weight loss, none have successfully proven to be the once-and-for-all panacea for "spare tire" woes. For Native People, the battle with the bulge is a desperate race to avoid health problems like diabetes and heart disease as, historically, Native American genetics weren't made to properly digest and metabolize non-native cuisine, i.e. sugar, flour and trans-fat.

[Acclaimed Native Artist, Kevin Red Star, Visits the Flathead](#)

By Alyssa E. Kelly – Char-Koosta News

Bright red paint splashes across the canvas, casually detailing the painting in a surprisingly silent room full of children. Kevin Red Star carefully works on his newest masterpiece as he explains to the children the meaning of the symbols he uses to decorate the shield. Sunny Day, (Red Star's daughter) smiles beautifully as she gathers the supplies for her father to use. They work harmoniously together. With a final splatter of white paint, Kevin's signature technique, the painting is finished and seems to come alive.

[Dance troupe returns from tour of Iraq](#)

CANASTOTA, N.Y. - Soldiers serving in Iraq attended a performance by the Native Star Dance Team of New Mexico at Contingency Operating Base Spiecher on Nov. 8. The dance team put on a colorful show for the troops in celebration of American Indian Heritage Month. "We wanted to support the troops and provide a morale support tour to celebrate Native American Heritage month in the military," said Nick Brokeshoulder, Hopi/Absentee Shawnee and a retired Army Sgt. 1st Class. "The soldiers have been very receptive and we have been humbled by the positive comments that they've made."

[Reid Statement for National American Indian Heritage Month](#)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 /U.S. Newswire/ --

Incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid today issued the following statement to mark National American Indian Heritage Month.

"Throughout the years and despite difficult odds, American Indians have helped to make America greater, stronger, and safer. This month, we pause to recognize that contribution. American Indians continue to influence and enrich our global culture. My home state of Nevada alone has 24 tribes that have helped shape the state into what it is today. More American Indians are now breaking barriers as they become the first in the family to graduate from college and professional schools. More are contributing and being elected to serve in tribal, local, state and federal posts. And, as they always have, more are serving our country in uniform and defending our nation around the world, in Afghanistan, and in Iraq.

[Sitting Bull grave restorers hope for listing](#)

Rapid City Journal

MOBRIDGE (AP) — Two men restoring the gravesite of Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull hope to find out soon if it will be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

[Mohegans to honor chieftain with queen](#)

Norwich Bulletin

MOHEGAN -- Queen Elizabeth II will join Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce "Two Dogs," Bozsum and other dignitaries at the unveiling Wednesday of a memorial sculpture for Mohegan Chieftain Mahomet Weyonomon in London. The five-ton, pink granite sculpture will honor Sachem Mahomet, the great grandson of Uncas, first sachem of the Mohegan tribe. In 1735, Mahomet traveled to England to meet with the English Crown and press Mohegan Land claims against the colonists who were illegally encroaching on tribal lands. Mahomet died Aug. 8, 1736, of smallpox during a major outbreak in England. Because of the prohibition on foreign burials in London, his remains were buried in an unmarked grave at Southwark Cathedral.

Tribal Language Books Needed

request made by Margie Campbell, HD 31

The Indian Inmates at Montana Women's prison have also requested any Tribal language books and other books about Montana Indian Tribes. So far we have books from Crow (LBHC), Fort Peck (FPCC) and Fort Belknap (FBC). We have not heard from Rocky Boy, Blackfeet, Northern Cheyenne or Salish & Kootenai. Inspirational books and materials are also welcome.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

The [Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is [seeking applicants](#) under its [Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program](#).

The program provides funding and technical assistance to federally recognized tribes to plan, implement, or

enhance tribal justice strategies to address crime issues related to alcohol and substance abuse. In FY 2007, priority is placed on addressing methamphetamine use on tribal lands. The application deadline is January 4, 2007.

To access the FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement, visit

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07IASAPsol.pdf>.

For further information, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/indian.html>.